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*Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties—Plague rat found at San Francisco.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

*Week ended October 24.*

A plague-infected rat (*Mus rattus*) was found October 21, 1908, in Second street between Brannan and Townsend streets.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Sick inspected .....	9
Dead inspected .....	100
Necropsies held .....	5
Premises inspected .....	15, 649
Houses disinfected .....	107
Buildings condemned .....	9
Nuisances abated .....	1, 574
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Rats found dead .....	277
Rats trapped .....	3, 578
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Total rats taken .....	3, 855
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Rats identified:	
<i>Mus norvegicus</i> .....	2, 479
<i>Mus rattus</i> .....	63
<i>Mus musculus</i> .....	1, 234
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Total .....	3, 776
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Rats examined bacteriologically .....	2, 093
Rats infected with <i>Bacillus pestis</i> .....	1
Poisons placed .....	150, 180

OAKLAND, CAL.

*Week ended October 17.*

Dead inspected .....	41
Rats trapped .....	204
Rats examined .....	73
Mice caught .....	6
Mice examined .....	6
Squirrels caught .....	3
Squirrels examined .....	3
Gophers caught .....	1
Gophers examined .....	1
Ships fumigated .....	6
Ships examined .....	1
Certificates signed .....	1
Necropsies held .....	6

POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

*Week ended October 17.*

Sick inspected .....	2
Dead inspected .....	2
Premises inspected .....	527
Nuisances abated .....	36
Rats found dead .....	20
Rats trapped .....	50
Poisons placed .....	24,500

## ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended October 17.*

Sick inspected.....	12
Dead inspected.....	61
Necropsies held.....	6

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended October 17.*

Rats trapped.....	3
Squirrels caught.....	128
Rabbits caught.....	1

*Summary of examination of rodents from Contra Costa County for plague infection—Bacillus pestis found in 4 squirrels.*

Doctor Blue further reports, October 19:

Since August 1, 1908, a number of animals of different species have been obtained from Contra Costa County, in the area covered by the squirrel plague, and examined in the service laboratories of Oakland and San Francisco. The *bacillus pestis* was demonstrated in 4 squirrels.

Ground squirrels examined.....	422
Rats.....	73
Mice.....	8
Rabbits.....	18
Gophers.....	1
Coyotes.....	1

*Outgoing quarantine transactions.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Hobdy reports:

*Week ended October 17.*

Vessels fumigated and certified.....	30
Vessels certified.....	55

*Report from Los Angeles, Cal.—Examination of rodents for plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimson reports, October 22:

The following is a report of animals examined in the laboratory here from October 12 to 18, inclusive:

Ground squirrels.....	271
Gray rats.....	289
Black rats.....	22
Gamble pocket mouse.....	7

None of these animals was found to be infected with plague.